

SNAKE'S VICTIM IN BONDS OF TERROR.

Strange Mental and Physical Condition of Miss Higgs, of Fishkill.

After Fits of Shuddering and Trembling Her Body Becomes Suddenly Rigid.

FEAR INTENSIFIES HER ILLNESS.

She Cannot Rid Her Mind of the Sense of Horror at the Attack of the Venomous Reptile, and Her Spasms Call for Morphine.

(Miss Mamie Higgs, of Fishkill, was talking with a neighbor at the gate of her home on Wednesday last when a venomous snake, that she had stepped on while around her right leg and drove its fangs into the flesh. She fled screaming across the street and faintly, when the reptile dropped off and crawled away.)

The girl who was bitten by the snake lies in agony—poisoned by the reptile and prostrated with nervous shock—at her home in Fishkill.

The spasms and dreadful contractions of the muscles, that were like the spasms in hydrophobia, had become so violent yesterday morning that Dr. O'Reilly was forced to inject large amounts of morphine hypodermically.

Mrs. Higgs, the girl's mother, was watching all night at the bedside and saw the poison racking the girl's frame at hourly intervals. A fit of shuddering and trembling would begin and then the body would suddenly straighten out and the limbs stretch and become rigid as iron.

There was a look of terror imprinted on her face and she could not rid herself of the horrible sense of loathing and fear of the reptile.

LACERATIONS STILL VISIBLE.

The greatly swollen condition of the right arm, yesterday, though the swelling of the face and the rest of the body has subsided considerably. The lacerations made by the snake's fangs were still plainly visible, and the surrounding flesh was purple in color.

Dr. O'Reilly had hopes though that he might bring the girl through.

"If I had been notified," he said, "when the thing first occurred I could have applied some caustic remedy, such as ammonia or bicarbonate of potash, that would have drawn all the poison from the wounds. Instead of sending for me it seems that the parents let the thing go and tried to treat the girl by bathing her leg in laudanum."

"I didn't see the patient until twenty hours after the occurrence, and then she was in a terrible condition. The poison had permeated her whole system, and the flesh of the entire body was swollen. The motion in the legs below the knee had been impeded, and the limbs were numb and without feeling."

NEIGHBORS ALL IN FEAR.

There is great terror in the neighborhood of the Higgs residence, and people pass along with eyes cast in apprehension on the ground before them. The adder is undoubtedly still near the spot, for no snake would crawl in this cold weather. It is reported that the reptile was seen on the day before.

How it got there is another subject that has perplexed the people interested. There are theories that it was brought down in a load of wood, but this is discredited by the declaration that no wood had been drawn into the Higgs place for some time.

It may have been lying in the hay of some nearby barn all winter and been induced outdoors on the day in question by the genial warmth and bright sunshine.

THE SNAKE'S SPECIES UNKNOWN.

Poisonous snakes had never before been seen anywhere about the locality, and even



CROSS INDICATES THE SNAKE'S HIDING PLACE.

Mamie Higgs, Who Was Bitten by a Spotted Adder.

The reptile wound itself so tightly around her leg that it could not be pulled off. That was last Wednesday. The girl's condition is still critical, and she is from time to time seized with convulsions in which she still imagines that the snake is clinging to her.

VILLA TALKED ENGLISH.

For Two Days the Supposed Spanish Spy Had Been Testifying Through an Interpreter.

The trial of John D. Hart, Benjamin J. Guerra, Bernardo J. Bueno, Captain Samuel Hughes and Lawrence Brabazon was resumed in the United States District Court yesterday for having violated the neutral laws in connection with the Hawaiian and the Bermuda alleged Cuban sequestering expeditions. General Garret, with them, is in Cuba.

Basilio del Villa.

ing house on Fifteenth street, he was visited by General Ruiz, who gave him a machete, revolver and a pair of spurs, saying, "These will make a help to you." That, he said, was after the failure of the Hawkins expedition. He was then under orders from one Amador, who had placed him in charge of seven insurgents.

The witness told of having gone to Brooklyn on February 24, where he went on board the tug McCaldin Brothers with about sixty other men. The tug proceeded to the vicinity of Sandy Hook that night.

He was asked about the signing of a roll of names in reference to which last week he said he did not know the heading. The list, he said yesterday, was headed

NO CABLE STRIKE YET.

President Vreeland, of the Broadway Line, Refused, However, to Arbitrate.

He Also Declined Yesterday to See Representatives of Any Labor Organization.

SAID HIS MEN HAD NO GRIEVANCE.

A Committee Which Claimed to Represent the Employees Met in Clarendon Hall and Roundly Denounced Mr. Vreeland's Action.

All hopes of settling the differences between the Metropolitan Surface Railway Company and its employees by arbitration were apparently dispensed yesterday. The company not only refused to reinstate the ten employees whose discharge the trouble had arisen, but went on record as flatly refusing to tolerate any outside interference whatever.

In the afternoon a committee, consisting

of Joseph Greer, James Geagan and Timothy O'Connor, employees of the company, and Daniel Harris, president of the State Branch of the American Federation of Labor, who is also a delegate to the Central Labor Union; Jacob E. Bausch, corresponding secretary of the Central Labor Union, and George H. Warner, delegate of the Machinists' Union to the Central Labor Union, called upon President Vreeland, of the company.

In a short time the Central Labor Union delegates came out looking very angry, and fifteen minutes later the employees of the company also appeared looking downcast.

This committee then joined the main committee of the employees of the company at Clarendon Hall. There are two versions of what took place in Mr. Vreeland's office. One is told by Delegate Harris, of the committee, and the other by Mr. Vreeland.

"I refuse to meet such a committee," was the reply. "I will only see my own employees."

Harris then sent his card to Mr. Vreeland as president of the State Branch of the American Federation of Labor.

The reply was a refusal to see Harris. Then the other three asked Mr. Vreeland to reinstate the ten men, but Mr. Vreeland positively refused the request.

"Would you be willing to submit the trouble to arbitration?" he was asked. "No, I refuse to treat with you," was the reply.

"Soldiers incorporated in the City of New York."

"And yet," said Mr. Olcott, "you swore on Thursday that you had not read the heading."

Everybody laughed except the witness and his counsel.

In answer to a question the witness said in fairly good English that his father was a Spaniard, and held a position in the Government in Matanzas, Cuba, as a Custom House lawyer until about eight months ago.

Witness then came to the United States to study medicine at Philadelphia. The text books were in English. The lawyers for the prosecution looked crestfallen and the lawyers for the defense were amused.

The witness then replied to several questions in English, but contradicted himself once or twice. He admitted that he had taken the stand after the Spanish Consul had agreed to sign his passport, that he had been sent for by the Spanish Consul, and that with the latter he had seen Prosecutor Humm.

Then the witness got woefully mixed up in his statements, and was allowed to go. He contradicted several statements that he had made last week. He is thought to be a Spanish spy.

Louis Chapman, a cook, who lives at No. 2 Fulton street, and who was employed as cook on the Hawkins, testified vaguely. The hearing will be resumed to-day.

Chairman Harris Issues a Call.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Chairman Harris, of the Democratic National Committee, has called a meeting of the sub-committee having in charge the arrangements for the Democratic National Convention, at the Palmer House, Chicago, Friday, April 10, at 2 p. m.

RABID DOG BITES THREE PERSONS.

Mrs. Early, Patrolman Croak and a Boy of Brooklyn the Injured Ones.

The Animal First Attacks the Child and Afterward Its Owner and the Officer.

BOY AT THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE.

He Is Badly Hurt and Was Rendered Unconscious By His Wounds—Little Doubt that the Brute Was Mad.

A mongrel dog suddenly went mad in East New York yesterday morning. Three persons were badly bitten, one of whom—a six-year-old boy—is now a patient at the Pasteur Institute in this city. The dog was killed.

Mrs. Mary Early, of Sackman street, Brooklyn, was the dog's owner. She is a middle-aged woman without any children, so her affection was lavished on the dog, Ajax, and on her pet canaries. Mrs. Early's most intimate friend and neighbor is a Mrs. Charles Hach, who lives a few doors away from Mrs. Early's home, at No. 400 Sackman street. Mrs. Hach has a son Willie, six years old, and ever since he was an infant he and the dog had been boon companions, delighting to play together and to take long walks about the countryside. In fact, it was a matter of common remark that Ajax appeared to think more of Willie Hach than of his owner.

Mrs. Hach, accompanied by Willie, yesterday called at Mrs. Early's, and while the two women remained in the kitchen the boy went in search of his old-time playmate. Being told that Ajax was in Mrs.

Early's bedroom, the boy opened the door and closed it behind him.

ATTACKED THE BOY.

In less than a minute's time he was heard to scream. At first the two women believed it to be part of the play, but when he was heard to cry for help Mrs. Early ran to the room and opened the door. There she saw the boy lying prostrate on the floor, his arms thrown about his face, while the dog was running about him in circles, barking loudly and snapping viciously.

When the dog saw Mrs. Early in the doorway he ran at once to her and, springing upward, fastened his teeth in the folds of her gown. It was of wool, and very thick, so the teeth did not reach her flesh, and at that moment Mrs. Hach went to her assistance. Grasping a poker, she dealt the beast a heavy blow on the head, which caused him to release his hold of Mrs. Early, and, seemingly half dazed, he ran into the yard. His jaws were dripping with bloody saliva.

When the two women examined the injured child they found he was terribly lacerated. Carrying him into the front room, they bathed his wounds, and then his mother ran into the street, and, seeing Patrolman James Croak, she told him that the dog was mad. Croak hastened to the house and found the dog in the yard, and snapping at every object with which he came in contact. Mrs. Early and the boy were in the front room. Without hesitation the policeman entered the yard, having drawn his revolver, and as the dog sprang at him he fired. The shot, however, did not take effect, but Croak was active and, springing upon a box, escaped the animal. Again he fired, but without result, for the animal, running about and leaping furiously at him, made a poor target. In the meantime Mrs. Hach had met Policeman Michael O'Brien, and he, too, ran to Mrs. Early's house, and, seeing him, ventured into the yard, arming herself with the cow horse.

BIT MRS. EARLY.

No sooner had she appeared than Ajax ran at her and fastened his teeth in the fleshy part of her arm. O'Brien drew his

revolver, and, placing the muzzle against the dog's head, pulled the trigger. It missed fire, nor was he able to discharge it, although he tried it repeatedly. Mrs. Early was screaming with pain and terror, so Croak advanced cautiously toward the dog, who relaxed his hold and sprang at the patrolman. He tore the long coat Croak wore, and then, leaping a second time, fastened his teeth in the flesh of the policeman's thigh. O'Brien then put his revolver to practical use by hammering the dog's head with the butt, causing him to fall to the ground. He lay stunned but a second, however, for he again leaped upon Mrs. Early and bit her in the right leg. As he clung to her Croak sent a bullet into his body. The dog fell to the ground, his foam-covered jaws wide open, and other bullets were fired into him.

TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL.

Willie Hach, who was unconscious and bleeding, and Mrs. Early were taken to St. Mary's Hospital, but Croak contented himself with having his wounds cauterized. The boy's wounds were very painful and dangerous. The lip was cut, a wound extended from the bridge of the nose under the left eye and there were two wounds on the left arm and one on the right arm and wrist. So serious was the case regarded that he was conveyed to the Pasteur Institute in New York in the afternoon. Mrs. Early's wounds were dressed and she may place herself under treatment to-day.

The brain of the dead animal will be subjected to an analytical examination. The policemen who saw him say that he was mad.

MAD DOG IN MONTCLAIR.

He Attacks Several Other Canines, Some Valuable, and Bites at Human Beings. Finally Put to Death.

Montclair, N. J., April 6.—The residents of this place were thrown into a fever of excitement yesterday afternoon by the appearance in the upper end of the town of a mad dog, which planted its fangs into several valuable dogs and was finally killed by John Flynn, who rummaged a pitchfork into its body as it was about to attack him.

The rabid animal first made its appearance on the Valley road and attacked two valuable setters belonging to William W.

Ames. From this place it went to the residence of G. W. Bestwick, where it bit his St. Bernard dog and also one belonging to Mrs. Sarah Bird.

Setter dogs belonging to A. J. Armstrong and Mr. Fense also fell victims to the mad brute. It nearly killed one of Mr. Weeks's pet dogs, it being injured so badly it had to be killed.

Several other dogs were also bitten by the brute. Many have been killed, while others have been tied up in the barns to await developments. The animal made several attempts to bite pedestrians on its journey, but fortunately all escaped so far as is known.

While the excitement was going on in this section Constable James Kane, who lives on Label street, near the Greenwood Lake station, was also in pursuit of a rabid dog which had bitten half a dozen dogs. Kane finally killed the animal with a revolver shot.

HE STOLE JUST ONE CENT.

His Intention Was, However, to Take More, and He Must Go to Elmira.

James Rafferty yesterday was sentenced to the Elmira Reformatory for stealing one cent, and he considered himself extremely fortunate in not being sent to the penitentiary for five years. On March 23 two detectives, who had been watching him as a suspicious person, grabbed his hand while he was investigating the contents of the fob pocket of Charles B. Daly in an auction room in Maiden lane.

When the hand was pulled from the pocket a penny was found lodged between the tips of his fingers. The smallness of the sum did not lessen the enormity of the crime, and he was indicted for a felony. It was through the eloquence of Lawyer G. E. McMahoney, who was assigned by the Court to defend him, that he escaped as lightly as he did.

McMahon Indicted for Murder.

The Grand Jury yesterday indicted for murder in the first degree Patrick McMahon, for killing his uncle, John McMahon, and his aunt, Bridget Sexton. The former was sixty-one years old and the latter sixty-two. They lived in the rear of 145 East Forty-first street, with their brother Timothy, eighty-four years old, who owned a considerable real estate. It was alleged that the younger relatives of the family were anxious for a division of the property and that race had been commenced in consequence. Patrick killed the old people with an axe.

WILL EXTEND "L" LINES.

Manhattan to Make Costly Improvements if the City Will Grant Concessions.

George J. Gould, Russell Sage and others connected with the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, were in communication with Mayor Strong yesterday, concerning the statement that the Mayor was willing to grant the "L" people unusual privileges if the city were relieved of the necessity of building a \$30,000,000 underground rapid transit road.

The Mayor repeated that he favored an extension of the "L" to Fort Washington on the west side and to the new city line on the east side of the Harlem. He did not, however, think that would obviate the necessity of building a rapid transit road.

Mr. Strong said last night that he had simply repeated to the elevated railway people his views concerning the loop line down Centre street from the Bridge and through Canal and West to the Battery, to relieve the present congested condition of traffic down town. It was his idea, he said, that if property owners along the proposed lines of extension did not insist upon the payment of a bonus for the privilege, the improvements could be begun within a few days after the necessary franchises had been secured.

It is understood that the Manhattan Railway directors are willing to spend \$30,000,000 and build a rapid transit line from the Battery to the new city line if the city authorities will meet them in a spirit of liberality.

LYMANTO PLACE-HOLDERS

New York, Brooklyn and Buffalo Are to Come First in the Choice—To Consider None Other Now.

Albany, April 6.—State Excise Commissioner Lyman to-day issued the following: "It is the Excise Commissioner's intention to take up and dispose of the principal appointments from New York, Brooklyn and Buffalo this week. He has engagements with parties from these places which will take up his entire time this week. These cities must be provided for first, as may be seen by the terms of the bill. It will, therefore, be impossible for him to consider or discuss the question of other appointments this week."

"This statement is made public to prevent any misunderstanding or disappointment of the people in other parts of the State, who might otherwise make themselves unnecessary trouble and expense in coming to Albany expecting a hearing."

REED'S FRIENDS SATISFIED.

Representative Aldrich Takes Exception to General Grosvenor's "Bulletin."

Washington, April 6.—"There can be but one purpose on the part of General Grosvenor in giving out his weekly bulletin of votes," said Representative Aldrich, of Illinois, this morning, "and that is to stiffen up the McKinley followers, who must see that the tide is beginning to turn in another direction."

"It is enough for me to say, and my sources of reliable information are certainly the equal of Grosvenor's, that he has included at least 85 more delegates in his McKinley column than he is justified in doing, and that instead of there being 275 delegates for McKinley there are not to exceed 160. Why should the McKinley organs which claim to be keeping close tab on the election of delegates on Saturday last give McKinley but 235 delegates, and in this list included 16 from Mississippi, 17 from Georgia and 18 from Florida—nearly all of which are fairly disposed of?"

"Mr. Reed's friends continue to be satisfied with the general situation, and are exceedingly hopeful of the outcome."

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